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DESCENDANTS

OF

RUFUS AND PAMELA (THROOP) THAYER,

WITH SOME LITTLE ACCOUNT OF THEIR ANCESTRY,

COMPILED AND ARRANGED FOR

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PREFACE.

This record is intended as a Memorial of my father, mother and wife, and in loving remembrance of them, and as a legacy to the descendants of Rufus and Pamela Thayer, so far as the limited edition of 100 numbered copies will permit. The copies are placed in the hands of my daughter Elizabeth Thayer Beadle, of Rochester, to be forwarded on application, free of expense, to heads of connecting families.

It is the record of a family whose members, since 1830, have been habitual abstainers from intoxicating liquors. All the families are connected with orthodox religious societies, and nearly all of mature years in church membership. A table of vital statistics has been made from these data of 100 years, since the marriage of Rufus and Pamela Thayer, and there have been 136 births and 32 deaths, leaving 104 descendants now living.

But one side of the page has been printed, leaving the right-hand pages for insertion of errors, and additional births, marriages and deaths. Perhaps the material so preserved may some day be collected and used in a more extended genealogy of this branch.

It is desired to make due acknowledgments to all those friends who have so kindly favored the compiler with data of their families.

GEORGE THAYER.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May, 1896.

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DESCENDANTS OF RUFUS AND PAMELA (THROOP) THAYER.

- 1 RUFUS THAYER, SENIOR, son of Elijah and Lydia (Cobb) Thayer, was born in Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, January 23, 1767, and died in Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, November 25, 1847. His occupation, farmer; residences, Taunton, Mass., Londonderry, Vt., Buckland, Mass., Richmond, N. Y., and Farmington and Plymouth, Mich. He removed from Londonderry to Richmond in 1809, thence to Farmington in 1826.

Lydia Cobb was born in Taunton December 17, 1741, and died in Buckland, Mass., September 19, 1837. She was daughter of Ebenezer, born 1714, son of Samuel, born 1675; son of Augustine, who settled in Taunton in 1670.†

Rufus Thayer was married, first, by Rev. Henry Wight, in Bristol, R. I., February 8, 1795, to Pamela Throop, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Pearce) Throop.‡ She was born in Bristol, March 12, 1770, died in Richmond, N. Y., August 23, 1823, and was buried in the Center Cemetery in that town. (See appendix.)

Rufus Thayer married, second, in Bristol, N. Y., in 1824, Mrs. Seraphina (Hildreth) Utley, widow of Col. Peabody Utley; she was born March 13, 1771, and died in Plymouth, Mich., October 17, 1846.

Rufus, Sr., and Pamela (Throop) Thayer had children:

- 2 Betsey Thayer, born Londonderry, 1796, April 21. Married Osmond Babbitt.

† See genealogy, manuscript.

‡ Entry of George Throop, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, will be found in Appendix; also birth and death of his daughter, Mrs. Keeler.

- Samuel Thayer, born Londonderry, 1797, December 8. Unmarried. Died in Richmond, N. Y., September 20, 1820. He was a very pious young man, and had purposed and was about to enter upon a course of study for the Christian ministry. His pastor's funeral text was: "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." Genesis 5:24.
- 3 Rufus Thayer, Jr., born Londonderry, 1799, August 28. Married Hersilora E. Utley.
 - 4 Polly Thayer, born Londonderry, 1802, October 13. Married Francis Courter.
 - 5 Pamela Thayer, born Londonderry, 1805, May 31. Married John Gould and Alexander Doane.
 - 6 George Thayer, born Buckland, 1807, January 30. Married Phebe Lorenda Wood.
 - 7 John Thayer, born Londonderry, 1808, December 6. Married Catharine Maria Carlyle.
 - 8 Sally Coddington Thayer, born Richmond, 1810, November 11. Married William Lee.
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2 BETSY THAYER, daughter of Rufus and Pamela (Throop) Thayer, was born in Londonderry, Vt., April 21, 1796, and died in Plymouth, Mich., December 18, 1871. She married, in Richmond, N. Y., November 21, 1819, Osmond Babbitt, born in Berkley, Mass., October 12, 1790, and died in Salem, Mich., February 23, 1849. His occupation, farmer; residence, after 1836, in Salem. Osmond and Betsy (Thayer) Babbitt had children, born Richmond, except Harriet born in Salem:

- Samuel Thayer Babbitt, born 1820, September 15. Died in Minnesota in 1890.
- 1 Betsy Pamela Babbitt, born 1822, March 11. Married George Coldren.
 - 10 William Dean Babbitt, born 1824, February 23. Married Elizabeth Holt.
 - 11 Mary Babbitt, born 1826, May 4. Married Stephen P. Fuller

- Sally Lorinda Babbitt, born 1828, April 25. Died in infancy.
- 12 Rufus Babbitt, born 1831, June 21. Married Ellen E. Cady.
- 13 John Wheaton Babbitt, born 1832, June 17. Married Lizzie Phillips.
- Sarah Thayer Babbitt, born 1835, August 17. Married December 7, 1835, Peter Coldren, a farmer; residence, Salem, Mich.
- Harriet Babbitt, born 1837, November 12. Died in Salem, January 2, 1861.
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- 3 RUFUS THAYER, JR., son of Rufus and Pamela (Throop) Thayer, was born in Londonderry, Vt., August 28, 1799, and died in Plymouth, Mich., March 11, 1887. His occupation, farmer; residence, Plymouth. He married, in Farmington, Mich., October 19, 1827, Hersilora E. Utley, daughter of Colonel Peabody and Seraphina Utley; she was born in Landgrove, Vt., December 16, 1806, and died in Plymouth October 5, 1894.

Colonel Peabody Utley was born in Pomfret, Conn., January 31, 1769, and in 1796 married Seraphina Hildreth. He commanded a regiment of Vermont militia during the War of 1812. His father, William Utley, purchased the town of Landgrove, Bennington County, Vt., about 1771. On the death of his father, Peabody, the youngest son, took possession of the homestead farm. Peabody Utley died in Richmond, N. Y., in 1820, having removed his family to that town the same year. (See Appendix.)

Rufus, Jr., and Hersilora E. (Utley) Thayer had children, born in Plymouth:

- 14 Pamela Maria Thayer, born 1829, July 6. Married George Smith Wheeler.
- 15 Hiram Billings Thayer, born 1832, January 8. Married Almira Wheeler.
- 16 Sally Cyane Thayer, born 1834, May 10. Married Joseph Ryder.
- George Thayer, born 1836, September 5. Died in Plymouth March 28, 1838.

Caroline Seraphina Thayer, born 1838, September 24. Educated at the common schools and at Ypsilanti Academy, and for many years teacher in the public school in the Thayer district, Plymouth. She retired from teaching and devoted her time and labors to her parents, who from infirmities of age required just such care as only a loving daughter could give, until their decease. Her residence is now with her brothers in Washington, D. C.

17 William Utley Thayer, born 1841, April 13. Married Fannie E. Rice and Eliza Bury.

18 Jane Amelia Thayer, born 1843, December 16. Married George Scott Van Sickle.

Lydia Elizabeth Thayer, born 1847, May 20. Died in Plymouth September 22, 1858.

Rufus Hildreth Thayer, born 1849, June 29. Unmarried. He was graduated at the University of Michigan with degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1870, and received the Master's degree in 1874. The degree of Bachelor of Law was conferred by the Columbian University in 1873, and he was admitted to the bar in the same year: appointed Law Clerk of the Office of the Supervising Architect of the United States Treasury Department, in the same year, which office he filled until 1886, when he resigned and commenced the practice of law in the city of Washington. In 1875-6 he was sent to London as an agent of the Treasury Department in connection with the refunding of the National debt and spent the winter there.

He devoted a great deal of time while in the Treasury Department to the study of the numerous problems relating to construction of public buildings, and in 1885 wrote an elaborate brochure entitled "The History, Organization and Functions of the Office of the Supervising Architect," which was published by the Department.

He has been a member of the School Board of Washington for many years, and is now Judge Advocate General of the Militia of the District of Washington, an office uniformly filled by lawyers of the highest standing and character, his immediate predecessor being one of

the present Justices of the Supreme Court of the District.

He is local counsel for "The City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia," and, as a member of the firm of Thayer & Rankin, attorneys-at-law, has a large clientage in land and mining litigation and in general practice.

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- 4 POLLY THAYER, daughter of Rufus and Pamela (Throop) Thayer, was born in Londonderry, Vt., October 13, 1802, and died in Farmington, Mich., September 24, 1888. She married in the latter town, January 2, 1835, Francis Courter; he was born in Paterson, N. J., December 5, 1801, and died in Farmington May 24, 1888. His occupation, farmer; settled in Farmington. Francis and Polly (Thayer) Courter had children, born Farmington: Pamela Throop Courter, born 1838, June 8. Sarah Thayer Courter, born 1840, September 23. She was educated at the public schools and for many years has been a successful teacher.
- 19 Lydia G. Courter, born 1844, February 19. Married Robert Graham.
- Rufus Thayer Courter, born 1845, July 30. Resides Farmington.
- 20 Harriet Newell Courter, born 1848, February 29. Married Frank Minkley.
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- 5 PAMELA THAYER, daughter of Rufus and Pamela (Throop) Thayer, was born in Londonderry, Vt., May 31, 1805, and died in Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 10, 1889. She married, first in Farmington, Mich., October 2, 1828, John Gould, son of Jonathan Gould; he was born in Livonia, N. Y., October 2, 1795, and died in De Witt, Mich., December 2, 1844. Pamela (Thayer) Gould married, second, in De Witt, April 1, 1848,

Alexander Doane; he was born in Wayne County, N.Y., and died in Plymouth, Mich., January 11, 1887.

John and Pamela (Thayer) Gould had children:—

- 21 Fanny Briggs Gould, born Novi, Mich., 1829, October 8. Married Andrew I. Friant.
- Lucy Ann Gould, born Salem, Mich., 1835, February 1. Residence, Grand Rapids, where she has conducted a very successful dressmaking business, but is now retired.
- 22 John Thayer Gould, born De Witt, 1840, February 27. Married Rebecca A. Hughs.
- Sally Thayer Gould, born De Witt, 1840, February 27. Twin to John Thayer Gould. Died in the same town on the 13th March of same year.

6 GEORGE THAYER, son of Rufus and Pamela (Throop) Thayer, was born in Buckland, Mass., January 30, 1807. At 18 years of age, or in 1825, he went with his father and brother to Michigan where they purchased land and settled. After two years he returned to Richmond, N. Y., with health impaired. In 1827 engaged as clerk in a store for two years, except three of the winter months when teaching public school. In 1829 was elected constable of the town of Richmond and re-elected to the same office for the three following years, also as town collector of taxes. Was also appointed deputy sheriff of Ontario county, and for four years attended all the courts at the county seat at Canandaigua.

In 1833 he purchased an interest in a store and three years after became sole proprietor, and was in mercantile business about ten years. In 1844 purchased a farm in Livonia, Livingston Co., the town adjoining Richmond, to which property he moved and continued to occupy about twenty years; then sold his farm and removed to Lima, N. Y., to secure better school privileges for his children. While in Lima, for about twelve years he was engaged in life and fire insurance. On the farm and in Lima his time

was much occupied as executor and administrator of estates and other fiduciary trusts.

He retired from active business in 1880 and four years later changed his residence to Rochester, N. Y.

George Thayer married, in Manlius, N. Y., March 2, 1837, Phebe Lorenda Wood of that place, the daughter of Jedediah and Rebecca (Pitts) Wood; she was born in Scipio in the same State December 17, 1813, and died in Lima April 26, 1873. Her remains were removed from Lima in 1893 to Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester. See Appendix for reprint of funeral discourse; also for notes on her ancestry.

- George and Phebe L. (Wood) Thayer had children:—
- Samuel Richard Thayer, born Richmond, 1837, December 12. Unmarried. Was graduated from Union College in 1860, emigrated to Minnesota, studied law, and commenced the practice of his profession in Minneapolis, where he has resided since 1861. He served as director of the State Normal schools for four years, being elected to that position by vote of the Legislature. Was a delegate to the National Loyal Southern Convention at Philadelphia in 1866. March 19, 1889, President Harrison appointed him Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Netherlands. He served as United States Minister until August 7, 1893, when he resigned. During his official term he was the recipient on divers occasions of the thanks of the Department of State and various historical societies for services rendered. He was the first to recommend to the Government the wisdom of erecting a monument at Defthaven in testimony of the Nation's gratitude to the Pilgrim Fathers and the inhabitants of the Dutch Republic. Union University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1892.
- 23 Elizabeth Wood Thayer, born Richmond, 1840, November 16. Married William W. Beadle.
- Abby Thayer, born Richmond, 1843, March 28. Died in that town September 21, 1843, and was buried in the Richmond Center cemetery.

- 24 George Wood Thayer, born Livonia, 1846, December 9. Married Louise M. Bigelow.
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7 JOHN THAYER, son of Rufus and Pamela (Throop) Thayer, was born in Londonderry, Vt., December 6, 1808, and died February 15, 1887. His occupation, farmer and local land surveyor; residence, Farmington, Mich. He married, in Plymouth, Mich., January 15, 1841, Catharine Maria Carlyle, daughter of Dr. Louis and Polly M. Carlyle; she was born in Florida, N. Y., April 6, 1818, and died in Farmington in 1893. See Appendix. John and Catharine M. (Carlyle) Thayer had children, born Farmington:—

George M. Thayer, born 1842, July 22. He enlisted in Company A, 4th Regiment Michigan Volunteer Cavalry July 24, 1862; was in the battle of Chattanooga and in others and was discharged December 23, 1864, on account of chronic diarrhœa and died from that disease in Farmington May 14, 1865.

Annie E. Thayer, born 1844, March 2. Died in Farmington June 5, 1872.

- 25 Herbert Carlyle Thayer, born 1846, May 6. Married Laura A. Beach.

- 26 Alice Minerva Thayer, born 1848, September 27. Married Charles C. Way.

Kate A. Thayer, born 1851, April 7. Has been many years a school teacher. Married in 1895.

- 27 John Holmes Thayer, born 1853, March 7. Married Georgiana Ogie and Elizabeth Davis.

Lewis D. Thayer, born 1855, October 7. A graduate of the dental college of the University of Michigan in 1891.

- 8 SALLY CODDING THAYER, daughter of Rufus and Pamela (Throop) Thayer, was born in Richmond, N. Y., Nov.

11. 1810, and died March 1, 1896. She married, in Farmington, Mich., January 13, 1842, William Lee; he was born in Bloomfield, N. Y., in 1806 and died in Watertown, Clinton county, Mich., October 4, 1856. They settled in Watertown. William and Sally C. (Thayer) Lee had children, born in Watertown:--
- 28 Phedora Lee, born 1843, April 22. Married Charles Calvin Throop.
- Betsy Gertrude Lee, born 1846, June 8. Died in Watertown March 31, 1851.
- 29 William Arah Lee, born 1848, November 12. Married Hannah Elizabeth Herrington.
- 30 Rufus Noble Lee, born 1852, November 19. Married Frances Marian King.
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- 9 BETSY PAMELA BABBITT, daughter of Osmond and Betsy (Thayer) Babbitt, was born in Richmond, N. Y., March 11, 1822, and died in Plymouth, Mich., March 9, 1882. She married, in Salem, Mich., November 12, 1840, George Coldren, son of Elijah Coldren. George Coldren was born near Sunberry, Penn., February 18, 1815; his occupation, farmer; residence, Plymouth. George and Betsy P. (Babbitt) Coldren had children, born Plymouth: Carrie G. Coldren, born 1848, January 28. Married December 19, 1870, Frank Holt of Nebraska, a farmer, who died November 5, 1891, at Beatrice in that State. Frank and Carrie G. (Coldren) Holt had children:—Anabel Holt, born April 17, 1872; Kittie B. Holt, born Apr. 6, 1877; Arthur F. Holt, born February 14, 1881; Bessie C. Holt, born December 3, 1883; Frank H. Holt, born Nov. 12, 1885; Genevieve Holt, born February 9, 1891, and died November 9, 1893.
- Osmond Babbitt Coldren, born 1850, December 22. Occupation, farmer; post office address, Northville, Mich. Married, in Nebraska, March 18, 1874, Elizabeth C. Jackson. They had children:—Hattie M. Coldren,

born January 1, 1875; Fannie J. Coldren, born 1876; Lethe F. Coldren, born 1879; Alida C. Coldren, born 1881.

Fred George Coldren, born 1859, December 2. Married in Bellfontaine, Ohio, December 11, 1885, Mrs. Mollie Galbrath. He was graduated at the University of Michigan in 1882 and shortly after appointed to a clerkship in the U. S. Pension Office in Washington, D. C., and while in that service took a full course in the Law School of Columbian University, graduating in 1884, and was admitted to the bar in 1886. Since that time has been engaged in practice. Is a man of fine character and abilities and very highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and business acquaintances. He is an active trustee in "Dr. Sutherland's" church, of which Dr. Talmage has been recently made a co-pastor.

Bert Coldren, born 1863, January 8. Married in Akron, Colorado, August 20, 1890, Mattie Bollar. They have children:—Ruth Coldren, born — 14, 1891; Harry George Coldren, born February 18, 1885. Residence, Hastings, Neb.



10 WILLIAM DEAN BABBITT, son of Osmond and Betsy (Thayer) Babbitt, was born in Richmond, N. Y., February 23, 1823, and died in Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1888. Settled in Moline, Ill., removed to Minneapolis, Minn., about 1850, and to Chicago about 1870. He married, in Glen Haven, Schuyler County, N. Y., January 30, 1849, Elizabeth Holt, daughter of Rev. Fifield and Gracie Holt of Maine; she was born in that state June 5, 1825, and died in St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1894. His occupation was real estate agency. William D. and Elizabeth (Holt) Babbitt had children:—

Carrie Pitts Babbitt, born in Moline, 1850, June —.

George Augustus Babbitt, born Minneapolis, 1854, September 15. Graduated at Evanston University; occupation,

journalist. He married, April 2, 1891, Florence Neil Haynes and they had child:—Barbara Haynes Babbitt, born December 27, 1892, died November 24, 1894.

Charles Osmond Babbitt, born Minneapolis, 1856, December —.

William Herbert Babbitt, born Minneapolis, 1859, August 26.

Grace Elizabeth Babbitt, born Minneapolis, 1861, February 9.

Edmund Holt Babbitt, born Minneapolis, 1865, July —.

Married, September 4, 1887, Etta E. Bale, and they had children:—James Bale Babbitt, born July 9, 1890; William Dean Babbitt, born November 15, 1891, and died March 27, 1892.

Ellen Corinna Babbitt, born Chicago, 1872, February 5.

II MARY BABBITT, daughter of Osmond and Betsy (Thayer) Babbitt, was born in Richmond, N. Y., May 4, 1826, and died in Little Falls, Minn., June 18, 1891. She married in Salem, Mich., in 1856, Stephen P. Fuller of Little Falls. Mr. Fuller was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1822, and went to Little Falls in 1856. He was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace and Judge of Probate of Morrison County, and served many years.

Stephen P. and Mary (Babbitt) Fuller had children, born Little Falls:—

Sadie Babbitt Fuller, born 1858, August 19. Was educated in the district school and Minnesota Normal School, teacher for several years, retired from teaching to assist her brother in post office and publishing office, editorially and otherwise.

Wheaton Matthew Fuller, born 1862, July 23. Learned his trade as printer in the publishing office of Little Falls Weekly Transcript. In 1883 became sole proprietor of the paper. In 1882 a daily was issued and he became editor and publisher of both. From 1859 served as post master four years. In 1893 was elected Representative

to State Legislature and in 1894 was elected as a member of State Senate. Resides Little Falls. Married January 30, 1894, to ————.

- 12 RUFUS BABBITT, son of Osmond and Betsy (Thayer) Babbitt, was born in Richmond, N. Y., June 21, 1831, and died in Northville, Mich., May 7, 1881. Resided in Salem, Mich., and was supervisor of the town for several years. He married, in Plymouth, Mich., December 7, 1859, Ellen Lorena Cady, and they had children, born Plymouth:—

Louie Anson Babbitt, born 1861, November 4. For many years travelling agent for a manufacturing company at Northville, Mich. Now cashier of State Savings Bank, Northville. Married, in Plymouth, October —, 1887, Flora Waid, and their child Helen R. Babbitt was born March 23, 1894, and died in November of the same year.

Kurnal Rufus Babbitt, born 1864, June 25. Graduated at State Normal School of Michigan in 1884, was principal of a high school in the same State for two years, and then, through the Civil Service Board, received an appointment to a clerkship in Post Office Department in Washington. Received the degree of L. L. B. from the Law Department of Columbia University in 1889 and was admitted to the bar the same year. Is now a member of the firm of Hall, Preston & Babbitt, of Colorado Springs, Col., and is already widely recognized as a young lawyer of great ability. Is a man of very high character and has secured a good rank in his profession. He married, December 4, 1895, Miss Lucie M. Cullyford, of Houghton, Mich.

Hattie Stephens Babbitt, born 1867, August 11.

Jennie Maude Babbitt, born 1870, April 25.

Carrie Holt Babbitt, born 1874, April 5.

- 13 JOHN WHEATON BABBITT, son of Osmoud and Betsy (Thayer) Babbitt, was born in Richmond, N. Y., June 17, 1832, and died in Washington, D. C., May 6, 1895. Married in Michigan, Nov. —, 1866, Lizzie Phillips, daughter of Rev. Samuel Phillips, a Congregational minister. See Appendix.

John W. and Lizzie (Phillips) Babbitt had children, born in Washington:—

Minnie Babbitt, born 1871, February —. Died the same year.

Hattie Josephine Babbitt, born 1872, September 15.

- 14 PAMELA MARIA THAYER, daughter of Rufus, Jr., and Hersilora E. (Utley) Thayer, was born in Plymouth, Mich., July 6, 1829, and died in Salem in that state April 7, 1895. She married, in Plymouth December 27, 1854, George Smith Wheeler, son of Calvin and Almira (Smith) Wheeler; he was born in Lester, N. Y., April 22, 1830. Calvin Wheeler was son of Aaron, son of Aaron, son of Elder Aaron, son of Col. Philip, son of James, son of Henry. George S. Wheeler enlisted as first Lieutenant in the 5th Michigan Cavalry on August 25th, 1862, and resigned in April of the following year. Was elected and served for several years as a member of the school committee of Washtenaw county. Also as supervisor and postmaster of Salem in the same county. Is now a produce merchant; residence, Salem.

George S. and Pamela M. (Thayer) Wheeler had children:—

Charles Thayer Wheeler, born Northville, Mich., 1859, July 16. Died in that town April 18, 1861.

Fred Calvin Wheeler, born Ann Harbor, Mich., 1868, November 5. Married, in Salem March 27, 1895, Jennie Westfall, born Belleville, Mich., January 23, 1871, daughter of Oliver and Eliza (Gillespie) Westfall.

- 15 HIRAM BILLINGS THAYER, son of Rufus, Jr., and Hersilora E. (Utley) Thayer, was born in Plymouth, Mich., January 8, 1832. Occupation, farmer; residence, Plymouth. He married, in Salem, Mich., November 8, 1855, Almira Wheeler, daughter of Calvin and Almira (Smith) Wheeler; she was born in Salem July 21, 1833.

Hiram B. Thayer was elected supervisor of Plymouth and served nine years; two years deputy county clerk of Wayne county; four years as under sheriff. Now occupies the home farm on which he was born and on which his father settled in 1825 and lived until his death in 1887. Is very prominent in church and society affairs.

Hiram B. and Almira (Wheeler) Thayer had children, born Plymouth:—

William Wheeler Thayer, born 1862, December 19. Married, in Salem December 22, 1890, Lizzie Sober, daughter of Sylvester C. and Lydia (Dennis) Sober. William W. and Lizzie (Sober) Thayer had child:—Louise W. Thayer, born in Plymouth August 9, 1895.

Elizabeth Caroline Thayer, born 1864, October 8. Married, in Plymouth October 12, 1892, Henry L. Haskell, and they had child:—Helen Thayer Haskell, born in Ludington, Mich., March 20, 1894.

Rufus Calvin Thayer, born 1868, January 25. Graduated from University of Michigan in June, 1891: for four years was principal of the high school of Manistee, Mich.: studied law and was admitted to the bar in April, 1894: elected in November, 1894, Circuit Court Commissioner of Manistee county. He removed to Denver, Col., in August, 1895, where he holds a position in the office of one of the leading firm of lawyers in that city. November 26, 1895, he was married to Irena L. Wheeler, daughter of Senator A. Orren Wheeler of Manistee.

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- 16 SALLY CYANE THAYER, daughter of Rufus, Jr., and Hersilora E. (Utley) Thayer, was born in Plymouth, Mich.,

May 10, 1834. Married, in that town, December 27, 1854, Joseph, son of Jarvis Ryder. He was born in Plymouth, Chenango county, N. Y., in 1824. Occupation, farmer; residence, Plymouth, Mich. Joseph and Sally C. (Thayer) Ryder had children:—

Addie Mariah Ryder, born Plymouth, Mich., 1856, April 5. Married, in that town, December 22, 1874, Charles Coldren, and they had children:—May B. Coldren, born August 25, 1879; Clarence Coldren, died in infancy.

George Walter Ryder, born 1858, July 25. Married Francis Mott, October, 1880; residence, Plymouth, Mich.

Edward Hildreth Ryder, born in Plymouth, Mich., August, 1871; graduated at Ypsilanti, 1893; has since been teaching at Traverse City High School, Mich.

17 WILLIAM UTLEY THAYER, son of Rufus, Jr., and Hersilora E. (Utley) Thayer, was born in Plymouth, Mich., April 13, 1841. His occupation, insurance; residence, Chicago. He married, first, in Adrian, Mich., October —, 1871, Fanny E. Rice; she died June 14, 1875.

Married, second, in Detroit, Mich., March —, 1883, Eliza Bury; she was the daughter of William Bury and was born in Grosse Ile, Mich. No issue.

William U. Thayer enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Co. C, 24th Michigan Infantry, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865, having been in the meantime promoted to sergeant. Was sick during the greater part of the first year of army life, but was in continuous hard service in the Army of the Potomac from July, 1863, until discharged.

William U. and Fanny E. (Rice) Thayer had child:—Fred Hiram Thayer, born Plymouth, 1872, —, —. Died in infancy.

- 18 JANE AMELIA THAYER, daughter of Rufus, Jr., and Hersilora E. (Utley) Thayer, was born in Plymouth, Mich., December 16, 1843. Married, in that town December 4, 1872, George Scott Van Sickle, son of John W. Van Sickle; he was born in Huntington county, N. J.; his occupation, farmer; residence, Salem, Mich. George S. and Jane A. (Thayer) Van Sickle had child:—

Harry George Van Sickle, born Salem, 1876, September 1.

- 19 LYDIA G. COURTER, daughter of Francis and Polly (Thayer) Courter, was born in Farmington, Mich., February 18, 1844. Married, in that town October 17, 1882, Robert Graham, son of James; he was born in Troy, N. Y., August 14, 1859; his occupation, farmer; residence, Farmington. Robert and Lydia G. (Courter) Graham had children, born Farmington:—

Grace Wilson Graham, born 1883, October 9.

Ruth Angie Graham, born 1887, September 7.

- 20 HARRIET NEWELL COURTER, daughter of Francis and Polly (Thayer) Courter, was born in Farmington, Mich., February 29, 1848, and died in that town April 26, 1895. She married, in Farmington March 8, 1877, Frank Minkley, son of William Oscar Minkley; he was born in Livonia, Wayne county, Mich., in 1848; his occupation, farmer; residence, Farmington. Frank and Harriet N. (Courter) Minkley had children:—

Milton Ross Minkley, born Livonia, 1878, April 29.

Lee Thayer Minkley, born Livonia, 1881, February 22. Died July 31, 1881.

Dale Henry Minkley, born Farmington, 1883, September 2.

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- 21 FANNY BRIGGS GOULD, daughter of John and Pamela (Thayer) Gould, was born in Novi, Mich., October 7, 1829. Married, in Grand Rapids, Mich., April 16, 1851, Andrew Jackson Friant, son of Cornelius and Huldah (Morrison) Friant; he was born in Lyons, N. Y., December 16, 1831. His occupation, farmer; residence, Plainfield, Kent county, Mich. Andrew J. and Fanny B. (Gould) Friant had children, born in Plainfield:—

Emmet Molett Friant, born 1852, October 13; residence, Hanford, Cal.

Herbert Cornelius Friant, born 1858, August 20. Occupation, farmer and horticulturist; residence, Grand Rapids. Married Anna Darling and they had children:—Lelia Friant, born Plainfield, January 5, 1884; Fanny Friant, born Grand Rapids, December —, 1885; Milfred (or Millie) Friant, born June 27, 1889, Herbert Stanley Friant, born Grand Rapids, January 6, 1894.

John Thayer Gould Friant, born 1864, January 28; residence, Hanford.

Will Hall Friant, born 1868, February 27; residence, Manistee, Mich. Occupation, lumberman and surveyor. Married Myrtie H. Tabor, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Murphy) Tabor of Manistee. Will H. and Myrtie H. (Tabor) Friant had child: Beatrice Winifred Friant, born in Manistee, October 18, 1895.

Frank Hoyt Friant, born 1872, July 21. Teacher; residence, Manistee.

- 22 JOHN THAYER GOULD, son of John and Pamela (Thayer) Gould, was born in De Witt, Mich., February 27, 1840. Enlisted, September 8, 1862, in the 6th Michigan Cavalry; served under Generals Custer and Sheridan; was aid on the staff of Gen. Peter A. Stagg during the last campaign; was discharged December 6, 1865. Was in many of the prominent battles of the Potomac from Gettysburgh to Appomattox.

Was 14 years supervisor of Algaria township, Kent county, Mich., and is now serving second term as Register of Deeds of Grand Rapids, in the same county and state.

He married, December 27, 1877, Rebecca A. Hughs, daughter of Robert B. Hughs; she was born in Macedon, Wayne county, N. Y., April 15, 1848. John T. and Rebecca A. (Hughs) Gould had children:

John Hughs Gould, born 1878, September 2.

Clay Thayer Gould, born 1883, June 10.

- 23 ELIZABETH WOOD THAYER, daughter of George and Phebe L. (Wood) Thayer, was born in Richmond, N. Y., November 16, 1840. Married, in Lima, N. Y., September 2, 1875, William W. Beadle, son of J. M. and Harriet (Williams) Beadle; he was born in Rush, Monroe county, N. Y., May 1, 1848; is a dry goods merchant; removed in April, 1884, to Rochester, N. Y., his present residence. William W. and Elizabeth W. (Thayer) Beadle had child:

Phebe Harriet Beadle, born in Lima, 1876, December 5.

- 24 GEORGE WOOD THAYER, son of George and Phebe L. (Wood) Thayer, was born in Livonia, N. Y., December 8, 1846. Educated in the common schools and Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y.; employed in the hardware business for a time and subsequently made cashier of the Exchange Bank of Lima, in 1868. In connection with his father he purchased the Bank of Lima in 1875 and continued in that business until 1888, when he removed to Rochester, in the same state. In 1893 he assisted in organizing The Alliance Bank, Rochester, was elected its president and continues to occupy that position. The Alliance Bank from its

inception has had phenomenal success and is one of the growing institutions of the city.

He married, in Fowlerville, N. Y., February 11, 1874, Louisa Maria Bigelow, daughter of James M. and Maria (Weller) Bigelow; she was born in Fowlerville, February 6, 1852. George W. and Louisa M. (Bigelow) Thayer had children, born in Lima:—

Ella Elizabeth Thayer, born 1875, March 14.

Samuel George Thayer, born 1880, February 1.

- 25 HERBERT CARLYLE THAYER, son of John and Catherine M. (Carlyle) Thayer, was born in Farmington, Mich., May 6, 1846. Occupation, farmer; residence, Farmington. He married, in that town February 16, 1871, Laura A. Beach, daughter of William S. and Caroline (Mead) Beach; she was born in Farmington. Herbert C. and Laura A. (Beach) Thayer had children, born in Farmington:—

Anna W. Thayer, born 1873, August 28.

Grace C. Thayer, born 1875, January 17.

Marion A. Thayer, born 1876, December 1.

Herbert B. Thayer, born 1879, July 20.

- 26 ALICE MINERVA THAYER, daughter of John and Catherine M. (Carlyle) Thayer, was born in Farmington, Mich., September 28, 1848. She married, in that town September 8, 1875, Charles C. Way, born Penn Yan, N. Y., May 26, 1846. His occupation, organ builder; residence, Detroit, Mich. Charles C. Way is a son of Rev. William C. and Eliza M. (Lane) Way, now of Leslie, Mich. Rev. William C. Way served as Chaplain on the staff of Gen. H. A. Morrow from 1862 to 1865.

Charles C. and Alice M. (Thayer) Way had children: Catharin E. Way, born in Farmington, 1876, July 21.

Anna M. Way, born in Holly, Mich., 1880, June 12.

William C. Way, 2d, born in Northville, Mich., 1886, January 6.

- 27 JOHN HOLMES THAYER, son of John and Catherine M. (Carlyle) Thayer, was born in Farmington, Mich., March 7, 1853. Occupation, farmer; residence, Farmington. He married, first, in California, in 1882, Georgiana Ogie. He married, second, Elizabeth Davis.

John H. and Georgiana (Ogie) Thayer had child:—
Lewis Carlyle Thayer, born California, 1883, June 18.

John H. and Elizabeth (Davis) Thayer had child:—
Leolia Thayer, born ———— 18——, —, —.

- 28 PHIEDORA LEE, daughter of William and Sally C. (Thayer) Lee, was born in Watertown, Mich., April 22, 1843. She married, in that town April 21, 1867, Charles Calvin Throop; he was born in York, Mich., December 7, 1841; post office address, Delta, Eaton County, Mich. Charles C. and Phedora (Lee) Throop had children, born in Watertown;—

Gertrude Lee Throop, born 1871, May 11.

Charles Hemon Throop, born 1873, July 19. Died October 24, 1873.

Althea Dora Throop, born 1875, August 31.

Fred Calvin Throop, born 1878, August 31.

Laura Mabel Throop, born 1880, September 22.

Ralph S. Throop, born 1885, June 17.

- 29 WILLIAM ARAH LEE, son of William and Sally C. (Thayer) Lee, was born in Watertown, Mich., Nov. 12, 1848. His occupation, farmer; residence, Watertown. He

married, in that town June 19, 1873, Hannah Elizabeth Herrington, born November 1, 1848. William A. and Hannah E. (Herrington) Lee had children, born Watertown:—

William Lewis Lee, born 1877, May 6.

Edward Thayer Lee, born 1879, July 30. Died November 24, 1895.

Noble Roy Lee, born 1880, December 7.

- 30 RUFUS NOBLE LEE, son of William and Sally C. (Thayer) Lee, was born in Watertown, Mich., November 19, 1852. His occupation, farmer; residence, Watertown. He married, in that town October 18, 1877, Francis Marian King, born February 26, 1852. Rufus N. and Frances M. (King) Lee had children, born Watertown:—

Sarah Eda Lee, born 1878, October 10. Died December 19, 1894.

Melva Deone Lee, born 1883, December 28.

William King Lee, born 1885, October 3.

APPENDIX 1.

JANUARY 16, 1893.

MY DEAR UNCLE:

I have recently had my interest somewhat stimulated in our family genealogy by the activity of some of my friends who are tracing out family trees. Part of this activity is due to the organization of the "Sons of the Revolution," and kindred historical bodies whose members are required to trace their ancestry back to someone who rendered a patriotic service during the period of the Revolutionary war. Individuals and historical societies have, in the last few years, been very active in accumulating data from a variety of sources and publishing it, so that the difficulties in the way of tracing ancestry in this country are not now quite as great as they were even a very few years ago. It is necessary, however, to have some clear starting point, and the more definite the information one has as to the two or three or four generations which immediately precede him, the easier and surer is his task. I have recently given this some thought, and I have regretted that I have not been more careful to note down for permanent record the many interesting facts relative to our family history which are within your personal knowledge or which you have learned by inquiry. I am all the more sorry for this dereliction when I realize that I have no one but yourself to appeal to now for such information. It is possible that you have already written down something of the history of the family. If you have not I would like to ask you to do so, and would suggest that no remembrance should be regarded as trifling.

For example, I have no information as to your mother, *Pamela Throop*, or your grandmother, *Lydia Cobb*. Have you any information about them? Can you tell me the names of the parents of *Pamela Throop* and *Lydia Cobb*? Any information you can give as to either of these will be very gratefully received, and I think we should all be anxious to preserve as full information as we can get. Will you not at your convenience note down your recollections on these points?

With love to every member of your family,

I am sincerely yours,

RUFUS H. THAYER.

GEORGE THAYER, ESQ., Rochester, N. Y.

APPENDIX A.

KEESEVILLE, N. Y., February 6th, 1893.

DEAR COUSIN GEORGE :

Your letter reached me safely, February 3rd. You may be very sure the assurance of your still living was very gratifying to me, as there are so many in all our family circles who have left us since we saw each others faces in the *far too brief* visit of the long ago at our old home in Willsborough.

Our grandfather's name, I think aunt Mary Church told me, was Samuel. He died when my father was but four years of age, and I think the maternal grandparents took mother and children to care for. Afterward grandmother married a man by the name of Wheeler by whom she had at least two children, Samuel and Nathaniel. As Mr. Wheeler had children by his first wife, I am quite sure the two I have mentioned were the only half brothers of your mother and my father. My father was sent to learn the blacksmith and anchorsmith's trade when about eight years old and was only permitted to visit his mother twice a year, though only *four miles apart!!!* Nathaniel Wheeler was the half brother who was with my father as partner not far from the time you came to see us. Uncle Wheeler went to Cohoes and from there to Waterford where I think he partially retrieved his business losses. He finally went back to Massachusetts. He had five children, all of whom are dead but the youngest daughter who lives in Albion, in this State, Sarah B. Wheeler, who married a brother of Governor Baldwin, of Michigan, whose death occurred a few weeks since and whose residence was Detroit, Mich. I think Mrs. Baldwin has a son living now in Detroit. Not much more than a year since Sarah B. wrote to me making enquiries to know if I could

tell her any thing of our aunt Thayer's family. I sent her the letters received from you and she was much interested and wanted very much to have me make an earnest effort to find any of the family that might now be living. She is an invalid; her trouble is insomnia; herself and daughter I think live by themselves; her husband died many years since, but left his family in easy circumstances. Uncle Wheeler's eldest daughter married Caleb Vickery, of Fall River, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Vickery are dead but have at least two daughters living now at that place, one of them a widow lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Chase, the other, Miss Almira Vickery. Both earnest Christian ladies if I may judge from their letters and favors to myself and daughter. Brother George Throop is living with his eldest daughter in Evanston, Ill., in his ninety-third year, having completed the ninety-two years on the thirty-first of October last. He is in very comfortable health, and well cared for in her home. Sarah and Charlotte Throop married brothers—Heman G. and Fred H. Powers. They went first to Oshkosh, afterward to Chicago and Evanston. The brothers suffered by the great fire of sixty-six, but are in easy circumstances. Heman died very suddenly the 23rd of August last of apoplexy. I think he was seventy-one or two years of age. They have five children living; four died in infancy. The second daughter married Dr. James Etheridge, who is one of the Professors of Rush Medical College, and they live in Chicago; the third, Lottie, lives in Moline; she married Will Ullman. Fred H. Powers, who married Heman's wife's sister, also lives in Moline. Fred and wife are both invalids; she suffers from heart disease and I think he from kidney trouble. The doctor told his wife he was liable at any time to die as his brother did. They have only one child, a son nearly forty years of age and as yet unmarried, one of the best of sons. Mary A. Throop, George's youngest, married F. G. Hallock. They live at Saranac Lake; Hallock is one of the survivors of Berdan's sharp-shooters in the late war, has a pension, and is now one of the men employed by Webb to look after his men in that section where the new railroad is nearly completed. I suppose you were told that George married aunt Church's eldest daughter; aunt Church and Betsy the second daughter lived with them. Aunt Church died at Port Henry, Essex Co., N. Y., I think not much over a year after my father's death, September 18, 1845. I think aunt died in July of '46,

at Port Henry, where George was living at the time. Her boys are both dead and she never saw but one of them, and that the oldest, after they left Bristol, R. I., to live with my father. Both married, George had children but Charles did not. Brother Charles has been dead since February 6th, 1882, and his wife died January 26, 1881. He left a son and daughter now living in Willsborough, his second daughter having died several years previous. All three of Charles children were married. My own brother Higley Throop, is in West Virginia somewhere, as it is months since we have had tidings of him. Sister Mary Burt Macomber had four children. Mrs. E. E. Brewer, who is the only child now living, was living at the old Homestead until the sixth of last October when it was nearly destroyed by fire. Mary (sister) had an only son who lived to the age of 23 years and then died of consumption. The other two children died in infancy. Mrs. Brewer has had six children; her second daughter, Mary, died of consumption at 21 years; the oldest, Julia, at 31 years. Her husband died of the same disease between Mary's and Julia's death; then her father died of paralysis, and my sister Mary a few years later. Mrs. Brewer has two sons and two daughters living. The older son was married about two weeks since to a young lady of Lynn, Mass. George was clerk in a drug store there. William Brewer proposes to become a civil engineer, and is now out helping to make the survey on the proposed railroad to Keene Valley from the D. and H. road in this place.

Sister Lucia never married. It will be five years the twenty-first of March since her death and we miss her so much from our home. She was in her 75th year. We had never been separated only a few months at a time while she lived and she loved my children and grandchildren, and thought as much of them as I could. My husband died in 1870 of dropsy of the chest brought on by valvular trouble of his heart. Our eldest daughter died of quick consumption in February of '67. The second daughter married Charles F. McGill, a machinist by trade. They now live in Schenectady, at No. 2 Chestnut street. They have two children, daughter and son, one eleven the other seven years of age. Mr. McGill was one of the foremen of the Westinghouse Co., in that place. He left about a year since as his health began to fail and he is trying the insurance business; as that gives him fresh air, they think he will be in better health.

This morning we got a paper from Fred H. Powers with an

account of Mr. Ullman's loss by fire of The Malleable Iron Works. Loss about sixty thousand dollars. Mr. Ullman married Heman Powers' third daughter.

Brother George and all his family are Congregationalists, Charles' family members and preference Methodists, aunt Church and family Presbyterian, sister Mary's family all Presbyterian, Emily, husband and four children Presbyterian, two joined the Episcopal church, Julia the eldest child and Frances the third daughter. Myself and girls are Methodists and my husband was also. Higley has several times changed his church and I do not know where his church home is now and it does not trouble me, if he is an earnest Christian. I think we, with you, have cause to thank God that we have confidence that most if not all who are gone are among those who can sing the new song, "Unto Him who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." Trusting that when our summons shall come, we shall join our loved ones who are just a little in advance of us. I am glad you and your daughter have taken the pains to hear from us. Sarah, my baby, is in her thirty-first year and does all she can to make me comfortable and is active in Christian Endeavor and the King's Daughters circle.

I hope you will be kind and excuse errors and mistakes. Write when you can and I will try to do better,

COUSIN CAROLINE.

APPENDIX B.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 1st, 1893.

RUFUS H. THAYER, ESQ.,

Washington, D. C.,

DEAR NEPHEW:

Enclosed you will find a letter from cousin Caroline Keeler, a niece of my mother's, which gives you a better answer to your inquiries than I could otherwise furnish of the Throop family, which letter you will, when convenient, return to me.

The visit which she refers to in her letter was made in 1833.

At that time uncle George Throop was living at Willsborough, Essex County, this State, on Lake Champlain. He had three sons—two married, the youngest a boy in school; three daughters—one married a Mr. Macomber living at Keeseville, a few miles north of Willsborough, two unmarried daughters, Lucia, and Caroline, the writer of the enclosed letter, then fifteen years old.

His oldest son George living at Clintonville, Clinton County, a merchant, aunt Polly Church, mother's sister, living with him. George married her oldest daughter. He had held the office of sheriff of his county about three years before my visit. Uncle George was living with his second wife; aunt Polly had some years before lost her husband. A younger daughter, Elizabeth Church, also lived in their family.

When you have read cousin Caroline's letter I think you will feel well posted as to the Throop family up to date.

The family appeared well, and I corresponded with cousin Caroline for some time after my visit, but thirty years had elapsed since hearing from her.

When I received your letter of inquiry, which interested me much, I was reading a book by Charles Francis Adams, of Quincy, entitled, "Three Episodes of Massachusetts History," viz: Settlement of Boston Bay,—the Antinomian Controversy,—A Study of Church and Town Government. Knowing that Quincy was a part of Braintree until after the Revolution, I deferred answering your letter until after finishing the book (in my slow way of reading and re-reading to aid my memory). The author gives the history of the town of Braintree, its Church and Town Government, although not furnishing much definitely with regard to your inquiries. The Thayer name is mentioned with others in measures of defense with the Indian raids, and also in the French and English wars in Canada, holding offices as Captain and Colonel during the early settlement.

Braintree was settled by many distinguished families in History—the Quincy's, Adamses, Hoar's, Everett's, Bass' and others.

Ebenezer Thayer was elected with Col. Quincy to General Court, and as delegate to conventions about the beginning of the Revolution, when he with three or four others, are mentioned as possessing the most available property of any in that town. I find also that Ephraim Thayer, a son of Shadrach Thayer, of our family tree,

married Sarah Bass in 1692, had fourteen children and all lived to maturity. A brother of Sarah Bass married Ruth Alden, a daughter of John and Priscilla Alden of Mayflower fame, and the courtship immortalized by Longfellow.

Joseph Adams, of Braintree, married Hannah, a granddaughter of John Alden. Their first child was John Adams, father of the second President of the United States.

Elijah Thayer and Lydia had nine children. Grandfather Elijah married Lydia Cobb in 1760 and settled in Taunton, Mass., not in Buckland as Genealogy has it, but moved to Buckland about 1790. His second son Elijah, born in 1763, was twelve years old at the commencement of the Revolution, and I understood from my father that he entered the service when sixteen years old.

To be sure that I was right I have written to cousin Abijah Thayer at South Lancaster, Mass.; he lives with a daughter, whose husband's name is William H. Graham. Abijah is son of Elijah, the only child living and is about eighty-five years old. Grandfather Elijah died in 1810 in Buckland and uncle Elijah in 1820 in the same place.

I visited in Buckland in 1833. Uncle William was then living and had a large family of children. He died in 1864, aged 86. Grandmother Lydia (Cobb) Thayer was then living, aged 93, and died in 1837, aged 96.

Our great grandfather William Thayer's sixth child Sally married deacon George Coddling of Taunton, who with Captain Peter Pitts, moved and settled in Bristol and Pitts in Richmond, Ontario County, N. Y., in 1790. Coddling had five sons and three daughters. Uncle and aunt Coddling visited us frequently soon after the birth of sister Sally, and gave her her name, and I think their settlement in Genesee led father to follow them a few years later.

About the same time grandfather moved with his family to Buckland, father went to Vermont with Samuel Arnold, whose wife was a step-sister of my mother; her name was Nancy Wheeler. They bought land for a home. In 1795 father married mother in Bristol and commenced housekeeping in Londonderry, their new home on the Green Mountain farm where they lived for ten years, sold out on credit and moved to Buckland in 1805 about fifty miles where his father's brother was living. His Vermont farm fell back on his hands — he re-

turned to Vermont in 1807 or 1808 and in 1809 moved to Honeoye, or Pittstown, now Richmond.

In 1826 he went with your father to Michigan and the history of the 7th, 8th, and 9th generations of the Thayers in America you must know better than I can tell you.

I know of but little in regard to the Cobb family. The wife of Caleb Arnold who settled in Honeoye was a Cobb and a cousin of father, and her son now living there says his mother's father was a seafaring man and was lost at sea when his mother was seven years old. Some of the descendants live in Taunton and Providence.

Mr. Arnold's grandfather's name was Ebenezer Cobb. Sister Sally Lee says that Samuel Cobb, who lived in Utica about the time your mother moved to Honeoye, was a relative and that he married our step-mother's sister; if so, your mother can tell you more about them.

I visited Nathaniel Wheeler, mother's half-brother, about 1836 at Cohoes Falls, and that is the only time I ever met him.

You will notice what cousin Caroline says of his daughter marrying Gov. Baldwin's brother.

All my personal knowledge of the Thayer family commences in the fourth generation. Uncle Elijah Thayer and his sister Sally, who married Deacon Godding I remember seeing, also my grandmother (Cobb) Thayer at Buckland.

Your Uncle,
GEORGE THAYER.

Washington, D. C., March 17, 1893.

GEORGE THAYER, Esq.,

645 E. Main St., Rochester, N. Y.,

MY DEAR UNCLE:

I have had Mrs. Keeler's letter copied and return the original herewith with many thanks to you for your kindness in sending it to me. I am also in receipt of cousin Libbie's kind letter which I will ask you to acknowledge to her for me. I have to-day written brother Hiram to stimulate him to obtain from mother a full statement of her recollec-

tions as to both sides of the family. I shall be very glad to hear from you again on this or any other subject.

With sincere respect,

Very truly yours,

RUFUS H. THAYER.

APPENDIX C.

GEORGE THROOP.

On Monday, April 10, George Throop, one of Evanston's oldest citizens, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Heman G. Powers. Mr. Throop had entered upon his ninety-third year. He had not been very strong for several years past, and since last November had not left the house. His death was due to his advanced age, no especial sickness having attended it.

Mr. Throop was born at Fort Ann, New York, October 30, 1800, and completed the sixth month of his ninety-third year. He came to Evanston in 1867, and has lived here ever since, residing for the greater part of this time with his daughter. Owing to his advanced age he has not engaged in business for a number of years. He has long been a member of the Congregational Church, and until failing health compelled him to desist was closely identified with all church work. He was one of the original members of the Evanston organization and was instrumental in establishing it. The funeral services were held by Dr. Loba, on Wednesday, April 12, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at his daughter's house, and were strictly private.

[*Newspaper Clipping, 1893.*]

APPENDIX D.

DEATH OF MRS. C. C. KEELER.

Born of the flesh December 21, 1816. Born of the spirit, 1825.
"Entered into rest" March 15, 1893. These are the events in the life

of Mrs. Caroline C. Keeler. What an example! what an inspiration! what a testimony! what a benediction! A banner-bearer for Christ. A cheerful, brave, unquestioning, watchful soldier of the cross after sixty-eight years of faithful service has passed on to the reward of the finally faithful and the mansions prepared for His children from the foundation of the world. Who would not take up the burden just laid down if only he might be clothed upon with the mantle of such righteousness.

“A city set upon a hill,” “a light in a dark place,” whose radiance could not be hid. What a life was this! Begun, continued and ended in comparative obscurity; burdened always with physical weakness, poor in what the world calls wealth, of a truth she was of the tribe of Levi. God was her inheritance. During the last twelve years of life, owing to ill health and bodily infirmities, and weariness incident to daily toil for daily bread, she was seldom able to meet with the people of God in His house, yet her life and influence have been the central sun in that society of Christ’s followers, and extended and beneficent indeed has been the circle of its radiation. Take the humble hearth about which she ministered for a centre and with generous radius sweep a wide wide circle and the limit of her influence shall not be compassed. Would that I could give approximately the number of those who have been interested, blessed and saved through her instrumentality. Many have preceded her to the Better Country. Many who first saw in her the beauty and desirableness of Christian living are yet battling for the right; and we believe that many more, arriving at the age of discernment and hearing the story of this gracious, Christian life, shall decide for God and right. So, by that one life,

“Shall her children’s children’s children
By her being better be.”

It has been the blessed privilege and good fortune of the writer to know Mrs. Keeler many years. I knew her in that lovely home when her husband and sisters and children were all about her. I was in that home when one after another daughter, husband and sisters were taken; yet was her faith undaunted and her cheerful, loving trust not weakened. For many years, ill and weak and not fit to toil at all, she has labored on to earn her daily bread; and that she might have to give to charity and God.

During her last sickness it has been my inestimable privilege to see her frequently. That sick chamber was indeed the vestibule of glory. Here was shown how richly are His children furnished with His grace and aid in the hour and article of death. Unable to speak, gasping for breath, with eyes and face reflecting the joy of the redeemed and the radiance of Heaven, over and over did she whisper :

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes ;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church, and a large number of sympathizing friends were in attendance. Rev. J. H. Bond conducted the services, assisted by Rev. A. C. Bishop. The interment took place in the family lot in Evergreen cemetery.

[*Clipping from the Essex County Republican. Mrs. Keeler was the daughter of George Throop.*]

APPENDIX E.

From a “Memorandum” spread on the town records of Bristol, R. I., it is learned that Samuel Throop was one of the seventeen children of Thomas Throop and was born March 18, 1745, and died in that place Jan. 28, 1776. Thomas Throop, born May 30, 1710, was a son of Thomas, who died Sept. 18, 1756, aged 75 years, son of William, one of the first inhabitants of Bristol. William Throop came from Plymouth, Mass., or its vicinity; it is said he brought his family (which is of Scotch origin) in an ox-cart, and that he was one of the first that travelled with a team from that part of the country. This “Memorandum” is recorded as of date Oct. 15, 1827, and was furnished by William Throop, a nephew of Samuel.

Elizabeth Pearce was a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Lindsay) Pearce of Bristol, R. I. Nathaniel was son of Richard, son of Richard, son of Richard born in England in 1615 and deceased Portsmouth, R. I., 1678. This ancestry is taken from “Pearce Genealogy, a Record of the Posterity of Richard Pearce, an early

inhabitant of Portsmouth, in Rhode Island; by Col. Frederick C. Pierce; Rockford, Illinois, 1888."

Elizabeth (Pearce) Throop married, second, Lieut. Jeremiah Wheeler (1731-1811), of Rehoboth, Bristol county, Mass. She died in that town April 9, 1788, aged 45 years, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Burying Place Hill. On the stone is this epitaph:

" Her family did often share
 Her generous look, and tender care
 Likewise her friends did also find
 A neighbor that was just and kind.
 She lived on earth greatly desired,
 Greatly lamented when expired."

APPENDIX F.

Rufus Thayer, Jr., left his father's home at Richmond, N. Y., before he was of age, and spent a year or two in Canada at farm labor. Then in 1822 or 1823 went to Michigan. At that time there were a few scattered settlements in Michigan. Detroit was even then a very old settlement, but was scarcely more than a small village, and one had to go only a short distance to get into the virgin forest.

Into this forest Mr. Thayer went, to Farmington, about twenty miles from Detroit, and purchased from the Government a tract of land of 160 acres, and returned to Richmond and labored about two years in preparation for settlement upon his purchase. In August, 1825, he returned to Michigan, his father accompanying him. Rufus soon sold his land in Farmington to his father, and himself went still farther into this dense forest to Plymouth, twelve miles distant, and carving his road for three miles, located on new land which he also purchased from the Government. Here he fixed his permanent home, and with infinite patience and labor, felled the timber, cleared acre by acre, constructed a rude log cabin to which, in 1827, he brought his dutiful wife who was to share with him his willing and grateful labor sixty years. During this period these forest clad hills and plains developed into rich and fruitful farms and thrifty villages, and the scattered cabins gave

place to well ordered homes and dense population. From the very beginning Rufus Thayer's cabin home was the center for many miles around of every good influence, whether of neighborly good will or pioneer virtues, or sturdy character, or schools or churches, or social progress, or defense against Indians, or wholesome work of any kind.

He was Captain of the Militia, defender of the faith in the Church, filled almost every civil office in the community, relieved the distresses of widow and orphan, held tenaciously yet gently to every doctrine of church or state approved by his sensitive conscience, trained and educated his children and at all times commanded the love and respect of all who knew him. In all that country round his name and home was known. No fugitive slave ever ran the cordon from the Ohio to the promised land of Canada who did not have treasured in his memory Rufus Thayer's home as the safest of asylums. No promoter of good work of any kind doubted a helpful hand from him. No man or woman in trouble hesitated to confide in him the story of their wrongs, or left his home without a contribution from his sound heart and sense, if not from his generous pocket. His word and his bond were synonymous terms in all that countryside. Simple in taste, sturdy yet gentle in character, keenly sensitive to every good influence, rigid in the performance of every duty, active and energetic in every good cause, patient and loving and stoically unselfish in his home, this good man lived a long and fruitful life.

The memory of it is still sweet in that community and has no doubt been reflected in the lives of many others who came within the circle of his influence.

APPENDIX G.

EPISODE OF THE FIRST JOURNEY TO MICHIGAN IN 1823.

Rufus Thayer, Jr., with his friend Leland Green, left Richmond for Michigan, with a view of purchasing land for a home; they travelled on foot eighty miles to Buffalo. At that time there was but

one steamboat on the upper lakes, and that not in port. They went on board a schooner, a small craft owned by Captain Anderson, an old acquaintance, and left Buffalo harbor. The first night they met a fierce wind and rainstorm upon the lake, the vessel became unmanageable, the compass unshipped, light put out and they were left at the mercy of the wind and waves. In the darkness they knew not where they were drifting, but soon the vessel struck upon a rock, was bilged and stuck fast for a moment, until a heavy swell wave carried the vessel off the rock, and drove her nearer shore into the sand where she remained fast.

At that time Rufus and his friend were in a berth below deck, and the water pouring in from the breach. In the darkness they got out into the water knee-deep and supposing that all was lost they made their way on deck, and with the other passengers and sailors holding or lashed to the rigging of the vessel, and every wave during the night sweeping over and covering the vessel.

After hours of waiting, the morning light revealed to the captain that his vessel was on Long Point on the Canada shore, about forty miles from Buffalo. They were several rods from land, deeper water and surf between. During that first day, after many efforts and failures, one of the sailors with a rope around his body swam to the shore.

Making the rope fast, Captain Anderson and all on board, hand over hand, got safe to land at evening. The only woman on board was their cook, whom the captain carried on his back to land.

It was near night, and no inhabitants within many miles. After much effort they built a fire on shore where they gathered around and dried as best they could what clothing they had on, that had been soaking for many hours.

The next day when the lake became calm and the water receded, they waded back and forth to the vessel to get provisions and some few articles that were found floating in the hold.

About two days after, Rufus and Mr. Green, without hats or shoes, made their way in the country many miles to the nearest settlement, where they found shelter and rest and obtained necessary articles of clothing and pursued their journey on foot through Canada to Detroit.

APPENDIX H.

October 19, 1877, the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Thayer was celebrated by children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and numerous relatives, neighbors, and friends, at the old homestead where they had resided all their married life and continued about ten years until the death of Mr. Thayer in 1887. After greetings, congratulations, and remarks by the pastor of their church, a historical paper was read of the Thayer family, prepared by Rufus Hildreth Thayer, their son from Washington. A full report of the wedding and the papers read was published by the family in pamphlet form.

The following are extracts from the sketch read by Rufus H. Thayer :

“We, in America, place little stress on a long line of descent and what our grandfathers and great-grandfathers were, is not to us of so much importance as what we are ourselves. . . . Just how or when the family name Thayer originated it is impossible to determine. Its significance is animal.

“The first evidence that I have been able to find of persons bearing the name of Thayer, is in the early part of the seventeenth century. At that time, according to information supplied by General Bezaleel Thayer, there was a family of that name in the county of Essex. I have also heard rumors somewhat vague and uncertain in their character, that the family had been clearly traced back to Wales.

“They were of the stern Puritan type, and with that class suffered persecution on account of their non-conformity to the established church. Many fled from these persecutions. Some doubtless went to the continent—to Holland and France. The name is in existence in France to-day. Thiers, the late President of the French Republic, was of the Huguenot ancestry and bears our family name.

“Two are known to have come to America about the year 1630, —the exact date I have been unable to ascertain. Their names were Richard and Thomas Thayer. . . . They both came from Braintree, Essex county, England, at about the same time and settled in the same town in Massachusetts. . . . Thomas Thayer is the head, in this country, of that branch of the family to which we belong.

“About 1630, as before stated, Thomas Thayer with his

wife Margery, came to this country and settled at Braintree, Mass. They brought with them three sons—Thomas, Ferdinando and Shadrach. Braintree is a small town about ten miles south of Boston.

“Shadrach Thayer, the third son of Thomas and Margery, was our ancestor No. 2. He married for his second wife Deliverance Priest, and his ninth child William was our ancestor No. 3. He was born 1675 and married Hannah Haywood in 1692. His third child, William, was our ancestor No. 4. He was born 1705, and married Abigail Burt in 1729. . . . William, the last named, after marriage, settled at Berkeley near Taunton, Mass. His fifth child, Elijah, was our ancestor No. 5. . . . He was born in 1740, and married Lydia Cobb in 1760. The early part of his life was spent at Taunton, Mass., and later he removed to Buckland, Franklin county, in the same State. His fourth son, Rufus, was our ancestor No. 6, and was father of the present Rufus Thayer.”

APPENDIX I.

(REPRINT.)

IN MEMORY OF MRS. PHEBE L. WOOD THAYER, BORN IN SCPIO,
N. Y., DECEMBER 17, 1813. MARRIED MARCH 2, 1837. DIED
IN LIMA, N. Y., APRIL 26, 1873.

REMARKS AT THE FUNERAL, BY HER PASTOR, REV. A. H. CORLISS.

What is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; swifter than a post they flee away. They are passed away as the swift ships; as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again; even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory.

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:—It has pleased God, our Heavenly Father, in his Sovereign and Gracious Providence, to remove from this household, one who for thirty-six years, has been its light and strength and joy. As we gather for the last time around what remains to us, our minds and hearts are filled with memories of the departed.

We recall the events and attributes of that life, as we were conversant with it, and as it was connected with our own. And we cannot fail to recognize the good hand of our Lord in all the way he led her. The gifts of Providence and grace abounded in her pathway. Her life was eminently a quiet, prospered, even and happy life. Her temperament, and the characteristics of her nature, the qualities of her heart, the circumstances in which her lot was cast; all seemed to combine harmoniously together, to make its current flow easily and peacefully.

And its ending, though sudden, to us unexpected and sad, to her was peaceful, and even in its quick coming, and abrupt termination, welcome.

To the last day she was busy, cheerful, diligent, in the fullness of her strength and in buoyancy of spirit, in the work in the family, the community and the church, which had been so long her chosen and glad employment. And while the stroke which severed her from life fell swift, and to most of us unheralded, she was herself awaiting it. To her it was not unannounced, nor unexpected, nor unwelcome.

You can recall in how many ways, “she had been setting her house in order.” But on the spiritual side, this was most strikingly manifest. Always thoughtful, reverent toward sacred things, walking humbly before God, inquiring at his word for knowledge and direction, she had been these last months and years of her life, drawn to the study of the Scriptures with a deeper interest, to the Sanctuary with a higher devotion, to the house of prayer with a profounder longing.

The invisible, the spiritual, was to her soul as matter of experience, not theory; the real and true and substantial. And we cannot but recall here and now and gratefully, the gracious hand of her Lord, who was preparing as he was leading her, to step from the earthly to the heavenly; from the shadowy things of time, to the enduring glories of eternity.

What thoughts and emotions does it become us to cherish at

the grave-side of the Christian woman? The sense of bereavement we cannot avoid. The fact of loss, it is vain to ignore or deny. We show neither wisdom nor piety in any attempt to distort the actual with which we have to deal; or to force our thoughts and feelings into unnatural channels.

We cannot say to husband or children, or friends, weep not. Ye are bereaved. Your sorrow is a great sorrow. Your loss is a great loss. Whatever mitigation, whatever resultant gain, whatever reasons humbly to acquiesce in the will and dealings of your Heavenly Father you can find; these all come to you simply and only as your solace and strength in a great sorrow.

But let me in very kindness and fidelity ask: have you anything in honor of her memory whom you mourn, to give up? In the Empire of Christ, love finds its most characteristic manifestation in self-sacrifice.

The highest tribute we can pay to the memory of one we would honor, may take, may demand, this form of expression.

Standing by the grave-side of the wife and mother, have you any fresh reason to cling with more fervent devotion to truth, to righteousness, to mercy, to Christ?

That life, which you feel to-day, was of all human lives most intimately linked with your own, has closed. Does that life inspire you with holy purposes? Do you find the life she lived, making truth, virtue, the ways of kindness and piety, winning and attractive to your hearts? Has her death hallowed in your thoughts the ways of God? Has it sanctified to your hearts the path of salvation? Can you not say the life she lived, and the death she died, invite you to consecrate yourselves in all your being unto her Saviour?

"It is a fact, you realize it this hour, her departure has left a void. It may be that her spirit in its going hence, has swept away all the sweet attractions of home, cast a gloom over nature, and written upon all of human life, vanity and vexation of spirit. A great bereavement, which desolates our hearts, does spread its pall over the hearthstone, over all our eyes behold and our hearts cherish."

Is there not also somewhat that is lighted by her life; and by her death exalted and fixed in its radiance forever?

You remember how the Saviour took that dead phrase, as it fell from the canting lips of Pharisees and Sadducees, "The God of

Abraham and Isaac and Jacob," and struck out of it, with his authoritative protest, "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living," the intense beams of piercing light which in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye vitalized the long roll of the dead, and gathered all the past of human life in the grand assembly of the living subjects of the living God. And to-day we may find the Saviour, vitalizing for our thoughts and hearts, the form and being which to the dull eye of sense appears companion for the clods of the valley.

We cannot feel that her mortal life whom to-day we bury, was made up of activities and purposes and laws, which are bounded by the physical and earthly. There was a higher life, the life which she lived by faith upon the Son of God, indeed touched upon and mingled with the earthly; but it was to control and mould. That life in its supreme law, its guiding principle, its controlling motive, its well defined and fixed aim; in the affections which ruled it; as you were able definitely to apprehend it; as you were conversant with it, influenced by it, rejoiced in its light and cheer; that life, you do know was not wholly of this world. There was a life hid with Christ in God; a spiritual life which embodied the true, the immortal, the holy, the substantial; and which could not cease with the beating of mortal pulses, but must pass into the nobler life of the children of God.

Be it so; the impress of death is chill and desolate. But death is not sovereign. He who hath the keys of death and hell; He in whom she trusted; upon whose arm she leaned, has taken away the sting of death. He has made death itself captive and servitor to his own gracious purposes. He has made the grave the gateway to eternal life. He has seized the moment, the article of death, and made it the turning point; so that just when to the eye of sense, appears the downward movement and decay; to the eye of faith he opens wide the portals of endless life and blessedness. And you knowing with what simplicity, sincerity, and fullness of heart she trusted in Christ, may behold that new and living way which Christ has consecrated for us through his blood into the holiest; graced with that human presence to you so dear, and henceforth from this point of vision, so revered, beloved and attractive.

There is one form amid the heavenly, "The chief among ten thousand and the one altogether lovely." There are other forms, venerated, dear, lovely in our eyes. They do not diminish the glories of

that central figure. These all borrow their light and glory from him. He borrows none. Heaven is to our souls more dear, more winning, more attractive and blessed, for the presence there of the beloved names—wife, mother, sister—whose parting from the earthly to join the heavenly, makes us awhile sad; though we mourn not as those without hope.

The days just about the death period will lose the sharpness of their impression. The pangs of parting will be muffled and softened as the months and years roll on. But that life, the life of your sister, wife, mother, will never descend from its high place in your memories. The law, the love, the faith, the devotion to her God and Saviour of that life, will increasingly attract and command you.

NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS:—We all received our summons to gather here suddenly and unexpectedly. In the circle of our acquaintances, there was no one whose hold upon life, seemed more strong and fixed than hers whose taking away we mourn. One day she was with us busy and joyous. The next day, she sank back as one overwrought, aweary, and fell into that sleep which waits the tramp that shall wake the dead. Medical science was incompetent to detect the approaches of death; to discover the signs of his presence, until his presence and power were asserted irresistibly.

We cannot resist the impression, that we hold our life by a frail tenure. If we look for length of days, here is thrust upon our view the practical lesson, that in a day, all our hope and expectation may be blasted.

And while we look upon this change, from strong, vigorous, abounding life and energy, to the stillness and silence of death; we are summoned to an outlook also upon the eternal. We feel that we stand upon the borders, the very verge of that other world, concerning which Christ and his prophets are the only authoritative teachers. Into that which lieth beyond, which no created eye hath seen, nor can see; we need a guide and leader. The temerity of ignorance and of folly might venture to go forth alone. Wisdom, the examples of the good, the beloved, the revered, all instruct us to go forth leaning upon the arm of the Beloved. We can then say: "In the valley of death-shade I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Ancestry of Phebe Lorenda Wood, wife of George Thayer, as obtained from Rhode Island Vital Records, town records of Dighton and Plymouth, Mass., and family traditions:

She was the daughter of Jedidiah Wood and Rebecca (Pitts) Read, who were married March 8, 1804. The parents were both lineal descendants of Hon. William Richmond and Anna Gray, married at Little Compton, R. I., by Richard Billings, July 8, 1720. Anna Gray was the daughter of Thomas and Anna, and was born January 29, 1702.

Phebe's paternal grandfather, Ichabod Wood, married in 1769 Elizabeth, daughter of Lieut. Jonathan and Elizabeth (Richmond) Brownell. Jonathan Brownell was born March 19, 1719; was wounded in the battle of Bunker Hill and died of his wounds June 11, 1776.

Jonathan Brownell and Elizabeth Richmond were married (intention filed December 19, 1741) January 14, 1742. Elizabeth Richmond was born February 26, 1725, and died June 10, 1806.

Phebe's maternal grandfather was Capt. Peter Pitts of Dighton, who married Abigail Richmond in 1764. Capt. Pitts held a commission from the crown as lieutenant; was a personal friend of Washington and was captain under him over a company located near Boston during the Revolutionary War.

Hon. William Richmond, father of Elizabeth and Abigail, was born October 10, 1694, died 1770, the son of Col. Sylvester Richmond, born 1673 and died November 20, 1754, by his wife Elizabeth (Rogers), born 1672, died October 23, 1724; Sylvester and Elizabeth were married in Little Compton in 1693. Elizabeth Rogers was the daughter of John Rogers and Elizabeth (Peabody) who were married in 1666. Elizabeth Peabody, born 1647, was daughter of William Peabody of Duxbury (afterwards of Little Compton), and Elizabeth Alden, born 1625. Elizabeth Alden was the daughter of John Alden and Priscilla Mullens, both passengers in the Mayflower in 1620. Priscilla's father, mother and brother died in Plymouth the first winter after the arrival of that vessel. John Alden came on board the Mayflower at Portsmouth, England. He was a magistrate of Plymouth Colony and an assistant in the administration of every governor for 67 years. He was the last survivor of the passengers of the Mayflower and died September 12, 1687.

COLLATERAL ANCESTRY.

Capt. Peter Pitts, of Dighton, Mass., born 1736, son of Peter Pitts, Sr., and Sarah Potter. In 1790 he moved his family—four sons and six daughters—to Pittstown, now Richmond, Ontario County, N. Y. That town at that time twelve miles square, was composed of four townships. Two sons, Gideon and William, preceded the family one year. Gideon was employed by Commissioner Hall to take the first census of Ontario County in 1790, which comprised the whole of the Phelps and Gorham purchase; population about 600. Pittstown had but two inhabitants—Gideon and William Pitts. The residue of the family arrived about the first of October. Capt. Peter Pitts died in that town December 5, 1812.

Ichabod Wood was the son of Henry Wood born 1716; son of Henry Wood, born 1691; son of the Lieut. John Wood who married Mary Church in 1688. Lieut. John Wood was one of the incorporators of Little Compton, R. I.; settled there in 1676.

Col. Sylvester Richmond, born 1673, died 1754. Was son of Edward Richmond, born 1632, died 1696. Edward was another of the incorporators of Little Compton, was crown solicitor, General Attorney of Rhode Island from 1677 to 1680, and was son of John Richmond, born in England, settled first in America on Richmond Island, Maine; came to Taunton in 1637; died in 1675.

Rev. Leigh Richmond, author of "Dairyman's Daughter," was of the family in England.

Lieut. Jonathan Brownell was son of Lieut. George Brownell, born Jan. 19, 1685; died Sept. 22, 1756. He was son of Thomas Brownell, born 1650; married Mary Pierce in 1678. He was son of Thomas Brownell, of Derbyshire, England, who died in America in 1665. George Brownell's wife was Mary Thurston, born March 20, 1685; died Feb. 23, 1740.

Some of the descendants of the Wood and Brownell families removed from Rhode Island to Aurora and Scipio, Cayuga County, N. Y.; Jedediah Wood, from thence to Manlius about 1820, when he died.

 APPENDIX J.

John Thayer, youngest son of Rufus and Pamela (Throop)

Thayer, was a man of sterling integrity, sharing equally in the estimable family traits. He accepted submissively and courageously, the meagre fortunes of his early life and, while still a young man, began the rugged career of a pioneer farmer in Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, occupying for a time the farm with his father, who a few years later removed to live with his son Rufus, in Plymouth, Wayne County.

This farm upon which Mr. John Thayer began the struggle of pioneer life, he occupied till he died, having by his ceaseless industry changed the shadowy wilderness into productive fields.

Mr. Thayer possessed qualities of mind that begat for him all the satisfactory compensations that belong to the amiable, intelligent, thoughtful, earnest man. As a neighbor and citizen he merited and received universal respect and regard. In every good cause, social, moral and religious, he was a foremost and fearless advocate—in some cases a leader in reforms. School and church, public and more private interests commanded his intelligent attention, and were always promoted by his wise counsels.

During the primitive period of early settlement he rendered the surrounding territory and its occupants great service as land surveyor, a requisite one in those days. For many years the social circle in which he moved, and the society in which he worshipped, appreciatively enjoyed the sweet musical tones of his tenor voice.

To his friends, family, to all—his memory is fragrant. The influence of his modest, upright life is an inspiration, and its example allures more than a passing thought. It embraces many solid lessons.

APPENDIX K.

DEATH OF JOHN W. BABBITT.

WASHINGTON, June 1. — *Editor of the Tribune:* On May 5, 1895, at Washington, D. C., John W. Babbitt, formerly a resident of the township of Salem, Washtenaw County, Mich., died after a very brief illness. Mr. Babbitt was very widely and favorably known in Washtenaw County and in the township of Plymouth, in Wayne County, where he lived all the early part of his life. His mind was cultivated by wide reading and an active interest in the great political

questions which were under discussion during the decade that preceded the war. Of an ardent but serious temperament, of a resolute character, with deep-rooted convictions, when, in 1861 the southern States seceded and fired upon the flag, he was deeply moved by the opening of the long impending conflict.

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While patriotism was with him an abiding and controlling sentiment, he had no taste for the excitements of the camp and martial display, which, with many young men at the time, no doubt had greater influence than the sentiment of pure patriotism.

In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company C, of the Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry. This regiment was commanded by Colonel Henry A. Morrow, at that time judge of the Recorder's Court at Detroit, who was as conspicuous for his superb qualities of heart and mind, as later he was brilliant as a soldier.

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Company C of this regiment was recruited in the township of Plymouth, in Wayne County, and commanded by Captain Calvin Crosby, for many years now a leading citizen of that town and widely known as a man of high character. It included in its ranks the cream of the young men of that township. There was scarcely a family of importance that had not one or more representatives in Company C, and when later this regiment was at the front and in the thick of battle, almost every home in Plymouth and in the adjoining town of Salem, thrilled with the news of every battle in the army of the Potomac, knowing that the boys of Company C were in the thick of the conflict and that some of these homes were likely to be desolated at any moment. Among the casualties announced was "John W. Babbitt, dangerously wounded in the leg."

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His brother, Rufus Babbitt, Esq., one of the most respected and substantial citizens of the township, left at once for the field of battle and in a few weeks brought John W. Babbitt back to his home. On that fateful field he had lost a leg, and sealed his devotion to his country by his blood, shed so copiously that he barely escaped with his life.

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The Twenty-fourth Michigan entered the battle with 496 men, of whom 316 were killed and wounded, 81 were missing in action, there remaining of the regimental roll only 99, the per cent. of killed and wounded being 64, the per cent. of loss 80. The official records show that this regiment sustained the greatest loss of any regiment engaged in the battle of Gettysburg on the Union side. A public journal in war days said: "It was to the Iron Brigade more than any other that the nation owes its salvation at Gettysburg, and we say not more than history will verify, that of all the heroic regiments which fought there, the Twenty-fourth Michigan stands pre-eminent for its devotion and valor. Against the overwhelming hordes of the enemy it stood for hours, a wall of granite, which beat back again and again the resolute foe."

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Mr. Babbitt's company (C) was the color company, and during the first day's fight the flag of the Twenty-fourth was borne by ten different persons, five of whom were instantly killed, three others mortally wounded, and the other two received wounds. Two captains and six lieutenants of the regiment were killed outright and fourteen other commissioned officers received wounds, including Colonel Morrow, Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Flanigan and Major E. B. Wight. Judge E. O. Durfee lost his arm in this engagement. Mr. Babbitt was wounded almost in the first volley of the first day of the battle. He crawled back a short distance, notwithstanding his serious wound, his leg being completely shattered, and was then carried back to the court house at Gettysburg. The town was occupied that night by the confederates and remained in their hands until the final retreat on the third day of the battle.

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Mr. Babbitt's vigorous constitution helped him to stand the terrible shock and the suffering entailed by delayed treatment, and, in a few weeks, he was back in his old home, emaciated and weak, but quickly adjusting himself to those crutches which thenceforth were to be always with him. But his friends did not forget him. In numberless ways he enjoyed the tender regard universally felt for him in an intensely patriotic community. In Washtenaw County he was shortly nominated for register of deeds and was elected by the soldier

vote, but the law authorizing the taking of this vote being declared invalid by the Supreme Court, his opponent was given the office. Two years later he was elected county treasurer. Meanwhile he had been appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department at Washington, where he remained until his death. He was a devoted husband and father and leaves a widow and daughter overwhelmed by sorrow. He was modest and retiring in disposition, pure in life, was honored by all who knew him, and to his intimate friends, was the most generous, kindly and affectionate of men. His whole life was an illustration of intelligent, courageous, self-sacrificing citizenship and modest, quiet and constant devotion to his family and friends.

RUFUS H. THAYER.

[*Newspaper Clipping.*]

